

East Northamptonshire Council

Date of Council Meeting	20 July 2009.
Report of Councillor	Marian Hollomon

Representation on Outside Body

Event/Meeting/Organisation attended	Adult Social & Health Scrutiny Committee
Date(s) attended	7months (July 2008-March 2009)
Nature of event/meeting	Meeting Demands of Population Growth and Demographic Change on the Health and Social Care Economy
Regional/County/Welland/District/Ward/other	Northamptonshire County Council.
Matters of interest and/or significance to report *	Report from the "Inequalities in Health Care" working party.
Financial or resourcing issues *	Supporting funding to local and charitable transport facilities.
Further action required by the Councillor (if any) *	Nil
Request for action by ENC (if any) *	To continue to support transport infrastructure.
Relevance to the ENC aims and objectives *	Sustainable Local Transport with annual financial support.
Date of Report	22 nd June 2009.

* Where necessary, please use an additional sheet.

Notes for Authors of Reports on Outside Bodies

1. Councillors are required to report to Council, at least twice a year, on the activities of an outside body to which they are appointed (see Article 2.0.3 (b) v. of the Council's Constitution).
2. If no meeting of the outside body is called in any six month period, the representative Councillor(s) should make a "Nil" return.
3. Whilst being under no obligation to do so, Councillors are encouraged to submit these reports in writing.
4. It is suggested that the reports should be brief, concise and confined to no more than two sides of A4. A report template is printed overleaf.
5. The reports should give the date(s) of any outside body meeting(s) attended since the Member's last report to Council.
6. Issues of particular importance to the Council should be highlighted in the report (some may lead to formal consideration at a later date).
7. It would also be helpful if reference was made to any meetings/activities where no matters of interest were raised or which had no relevance to the Council's aims and objectives.
8. Councillors are encouraged to submit reports on outside bodies, via e-mail, to Mick Bowerman by the Monday, fourteen days before the date of the appropriate Council meeting. (Where Members do not have access to e-mail facilities, written drafts should be submitted - by the same deadline - for processing with the papers for the Council meeting.)

REPORT FROM "INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH CARE" WORKING PARTY.

CHAIR – Cllr Marian Hollomon

Cllr. Malcolm Waters N.C.C.

Cllr. Ken Melling N.C.C.

Cllr. Gloria Edwards – Davidson D.D.C.

Sheila White – Local Involvement Network, Kettering General Hospital N.H.S. Foundation Trust.

The inequalities working party agreed to survey GP practises within the county of which there are 84. 14 general practises were selected across the county and a telephone survey was conducted to establish a picture of possible inequalities in health care provision. The group also felt that it was important to meet with North Northamptonshire Development Corporation and West Northamptonshire Development Corporation to gain an insight into what sorts of steps are being taken to ensure that the people who will be living in new housing projects will be catered for with regard to health and social care and what liaison is taking place with Health Care Providers and how this may effect their planning. The group also met with Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, representatives from both the North and West Northamptonshire Development Corporations and with Highways and Transport.

The survey of the GP Practises revealed that the services being provided were within the PCT guidelines. In many cases the extra services given to patients is of an exceptional standard.

Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has a five year plan which will be continually updated taking information annually regarding what work and services are required.

NNDC act as facilitators for the local councils by making sure the houses and other facilities are in the right places. They negotiate with Highways, Builders, the Primary Care Trust, Education and Councils. The deprivation of Corby and Wellingborough is addressed and provision for Health Facilities, Neighbourhood Health Centres and Doctors surgeries and Acute and other services is included but the decision for where and what these will be is the responsibility of the Local Authorities, Primary Care Trust and the Acute Trust. Plans for improvements in the road structure, bus and rail services are within the overall strategic plan.

WNDC act as facilitators as do NNDC but that the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit has been implemented to prepare the Joint Development Plan document including the Joint Core Strategy and the Joint Supplementary Planning Documents.

Highways and Transport Authority Accessibility Strategy has no jurisdiction over commercial transport services but it does have more control with subsidised services. The overall view is that community transport of any type is of the utmost importance as a sustainable infrastructure, especially within all areas of health care. Support and finance is required to keep our communities mobile within the voluntary sector.

A full report is available from Adult Social Care & Health Scrutiny at Northamptonshire County Council. (dkelly@northamptonshire.gov.uk 01604 237829)